

## Division on Earth and Life Studies Board on Environmental Studies and Toxicology

September 12, 2022

Vicki Soto
Contracting Officer
ORD/CPHEA/CPAD
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Re: Monthly Progress Report, Peer Review of EPA's Draft Assessment Product- 2021, Contract # 68HERC19D0011; Task Order # 68HERC21F0401

Dear Ms. Soto:

This progress report for the contract task referenced above covers the month of August 2022.

During the reporting period, National Academies staff finalized the tasks related to releasing the committee nomination slate for a 20-day public comment period that ended on August 25, 2022. These project-related activities consisted of screening individual nominations for committee membership, addressing relevant areas of expertise, potential conflicts of interest, and other considerations. Screening involved gathering and examining biographical information on the candidates and conducting video conferences to discuss their interest in being considered for service on the committee and any potential conflicts of interest. Once provisional members were approved by the National Academies, project staff prepared standard administrative materials for them to accept appointment. The materials included background information and conflict-of-interest disclosure forms for completion, as well as draft biosketches for review. Project staff also organized the first meeting of the committee on September 1 over the internet. In addition, project staff responded to requests for information from members of the public regarding the project.

In the following period, National Academies staff anticipate organizing and conducting the first meeting of the committee over the internet on September 1. At this meeting, members are to hold a committee composition, balance, and conflict-of-interest discussion. Any conflicts of interest or issues of committee balance and expertise would be investigated and changes to the committee would be proposed, if necessary, in finalizing the committee. Other activity anticipated by National Academies staff include soliciting background information from the committee to organize further meetings of the committee, including a first hybrid meeting of the committee in open session. As needed, project staff anticipate addressing any requests for information from members of the public regarding the project.

A summary and details of project-related expenditures are provided below.

## Financial information for August 2022:

Labor Cost ODCs Overhead G&A Total August 2022

Ex. 4 CBI

The total expenditures since inception are **Ex. 4 CBI** The attached figures and tables show dollars spent, a comparison of total funds spent and labor costs, cumulative funds spent by activity (excluding labor), and cumulative hours worked by staff.

Sincerely,

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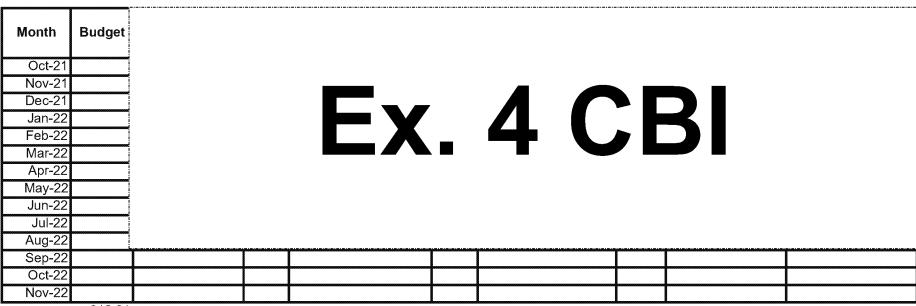
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Laura Llanos, National Academies/BEST

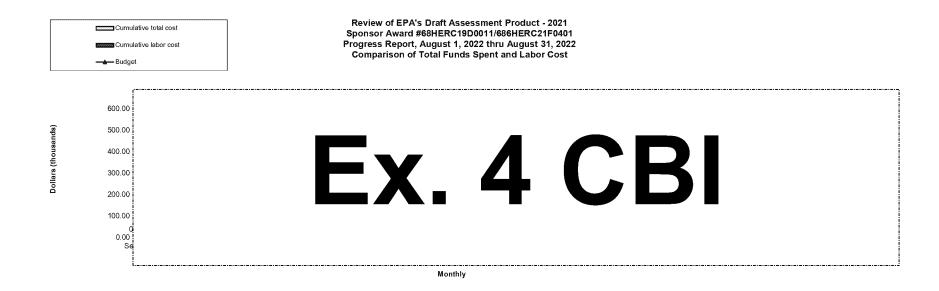
Lavonne Burgess, National Academies/OCFO

Tasha Seabron, National Academies/OCFO

## Review of EPA's Draft Assessment Product - 2021 Sponsor Award # 68HERC19D0011/68HERC21F0401 Progress Report, August 1, 2022 thru August 31, 2022 Total Dollars Spent (Thousand)



612.81



Review of EPA's Draft Assessment Product - 2021 Sponsor Award # 68HERC19D0011/686HERC21F0401 Progress Report, August 1, 2022 thru August 31, 2022 Cumulative Funds Spent by Task (Excluding Labor)

